

**CALLED MEETING
MARCH 17, 1999**

The Ashland Board of Commissioners met in Called Session in the Commissioners' Chambers, City Building, Ashland, Kentucky, on Wednesday, March 17, 1999, at the hour of 4:00 PM. Those present were Commissioners: Nancy Dickinson, Paul Reeves, Kevin Gunderson, Michael Stewart and Mayor A. R. Dunnigan, who presided. Also present were: William H. Fisher, Jr., City Manager; Richard W. Martin, Corporation Counsel; Kevin P. Sinnette, Assistant Corporation Counsel; Deborah D. Musser, City Clerk; Gary Watts, Fire Chief; Ronald W. McBride, Chief of Police; Tony Grubb, Finance Director; Joseph P. Harris, Public Services Director; Amanda Sinnette, Economic Development Director; Doug Burns, Director of Planning and Community Development; Marion Russell, Assistant Director of Public Services; Michelle Veach, Assistant Finance Director; Mike Rogers, Mass Transit Superintendent; Bruce Craft, Recreation Division and Reporters.

CALL LETTER WAS READ AS FOLLOWS

March 15, 1999

TO:

Nancy Dickinson, City Commissioner	MMcDowell	3-15-99	12:43P
Kevin Gunderson, City Commissioner	MMcDowell	3-15-99	1338P
Paul Reeves, City Commissioner	Wallin	3-16-99	1438P
Michael Stewart, City Commissioner	MMcDowell	3-15-99	14:22P
William H. Fisher, Jr., City Manager	MMcDowell	3-15-99	12:11P
Richard W. Martin, Corporation Counsel	Lt. Ratliff	3-15-99	12:08
Deborah D. Musser, City Clerk	MMcDowell	3-15-99	2:06P

FROM: A.R. Dunnigan, Mayor

Commissioners:

I hereby call a special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Ashland, Kentucky to be held in the Commissioners' Chambers, City Building, 1700 Greenup Avenue, Ashland, Kentucky:

DATE: Wednesday, March 17, 1999

TIME: 4:00 PM

PURPOSE: First reading and approval of the following:

1. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, CREATING AN OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE FEE TO BE CHARGED TO THOSE PARTIES WHO PRACTICE A BUSINESS, TRADE OR PROFESSION WITHIN ASHLAND'S CORPORATE LIMITS, PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF SUCH FEE AND A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 116, SERIES OF 1993.

Deborah D. Musser, City Clerk

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CALL LETTER CONTINUED

1. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, IMPOSING A LICENSE FEE UPON INSURANCE COMPANIES FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF ENGAGING IN THE BUSINESS OF INSURANCE WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999, AND THEREAFTER ON A CALENDAR YEAR BASIS; ESTABLISHING INSURANCE COMPANY LICENSE FEE RATES AS 10% OF THE FIRST YEAR PREMIUMS FOR LIFE INSURANCE, AND 10% OF THE PREMIUMS FOR ALL OTHER TYPES OF INSURANCE ACTUALLY COLLECTED WITHIN EACH CALENDAR QUARTER EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999, AND THEREAFTER UNTIL AMENDED; ESTABLISHING A PENALTY INTEREST CHARGE AT THE TAX INTEREST RATE AS DEFINED BY STATUTE; AND REQUIRING INSURANCE COMPANIES SUBJECT TO THE LICENSE FEE TO FURNISH ANNUAL COLLECTION INFORMATION AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 35, SERIES OF 1998.

Very truly yours,

/s/A. R. Dunnigan
Mayor

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Nancy Dickinson, Kevin Gunderson, Paul Reeves and Michael Stewart,

City Commissioners

William H. Fisher, Jr., City Manager

Richard W. Martin, Corporation Counsel

Deborah D. Musser, City Clerk

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Executed by delivering a true copy of the foregoing letter to each of the persons named in the caption thereof.

/s/Sgt. Wm. Todd Kelley
Signature and rank of officer in charge
of execution of this letter

The appropriately executed original of this letter shall be filed in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Ashland, Kentucky.

True copies of the foregoing notice of special meeting have

receive, file and record the call letter. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Dickinson, Reeves, Gunderson, Stewart and Mayor Dunnigan. Nay - none. Motion passed.

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Mike Blevins, President of the Steelworkers Local and Vice-President of Ashland Area Labor Council, presented a petition that has been initiated which calls for boycotts at Ashland businesses.

Joel Watson, 432 Florida Street, representing Cardinal Cleaners, appealed to the Commission to consider fairness of the tax proposal for although his business would pay less, the payroll tax would adversely affect his employees.

Joe Baer, 1645 Lawrence Avenue, President of the FireFighters Local, expressed support of the payroll tax.

Rich Redecker, Wheelersburg, works in the City and does not support the payroll tax.

Vickie James, 4205 Blackburn Avenue, works for a non-profit organization and the payroll tax would adversely affect contributions.

Darrell Greene, Highland Floor Covering, spoke against the payroll tax.

Richard Moore, 4825 Sherwood Drive, spoke as a property and business owner and questioned the reason for the insurance premium tax decline.

Bob Tilton, 2776 Terrace Boulevard, business owner, spoke against the payroll tax due to the adverse affect on employees.

ORDINANCE NO. _____, 1999

FIRST

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READING KENTUCKY, CREATING AN
OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE **AND** FEE TO
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CORPORATE LIMITS, PROVIDING FOR THE
COLLECTION OF SUCH FEE AND A PENALTY
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ORDINANCE NO. 35, SERIES OF 1998.

MOTION

Motion was made by Gunderson, seconded by Stewart, to adopt Ordinance No. _____, 1999, at this its first reading. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Dickinson, Gunderson, Stewart and Mayor Dunnigan. Nay - Commissioner Reeves. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Dunnigan declared the meeting adjourned at 4:43 PM.

DEBORAH D. MUSSER
CITY CLERK